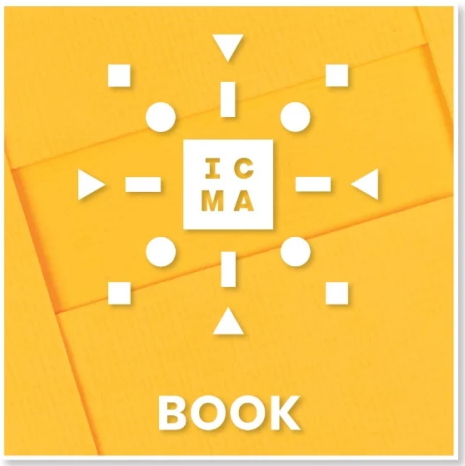

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SOURCE: GRAPHIC COMPETITIONS

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Judging takes the complete design of each publication into account. Depending on the category, the jury considers elements such as the cover, format, typography, layout, illustrations, materials and how well the design suits the content. The ICMA Book Award is international in scope and is organised by the International Editorial Design & Research Forum in Germany.

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